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1. British election postponement held unfortunate--US Embassy
London comments that the British Cabinet's decision not to hold a general election in 1949 is unfortunate. The Embassy fears that the Government may not have the courage to undertake urgent economic measures between now and the election because political considerations will probably color the Government's action. The Embassy indicates that although most UK Cabinet ministers favored an autumn election, the original plan of Attlee, Morrison, and possibly Bevin, not to hold an election at this time prevailed.

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